

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MINIMUM WAGES OF TEA GARDEN LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that tea garden workers get very low wages including payment of rest-day wage of the week/month and are deprived of social securities;
- (b) if so, the remedial action being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the increase in minimum pension has not benefitted tea garden workers and if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the details of pension schemes that have benefitted such workers and the amount of pension provided to the tea garden workers in various parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (d): Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the fixation of minimum wages for the Plantation Sector, falls under the purview of State Government which is the appropriate Government to fix/revise the minimum wages.

The wages being paid (Rs/day) in the major four tea growing states are as under:

Year Assam# West Bengal# Tamil Nadu Kerala

Barak Valley Brahmaputra Valley

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#part of wages are also paid in kind.